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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith for the Examiner's use a first substantive official communication dated December 15, 2006 that was issued in the corresponding European patent application. Applicant notes that WO 99/62482 A1 and JP-A-2003-176211 cited in the official communication were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 31, 2006 in the present application, and therefore are not being submitted again.

Respectfully submitted,

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